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Q. *What hath* GOD *done for you?*

A. God hath made me, (*a*) He keepeth me, and He can save me.

Q. *Who is God?*

A. God is a Spirit of (*b*) himself and for himself.

Q. *How many Gods be there?*

A. There is but one God in three Persons, (*c*) the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost.

Q. *How did God make you?*

A. In my first Parents (*d*) holy and righteous.

Qu. *Are you then born holy and righteous?*

A. No, my first father (*e*) sinned, and I in him.

a Psa. 119. 73. Psa. 121, 4. 5, 6, 7, 8. Isa. 63, 1.

b Joh. 4. 24. Exo. 3. 14.

c 1 Cor. 8. 6. 1 Joh. 5. 7.

d Gen. 1. 26, 27. Eccles. 7. 29.

e Is. 43. 27. Ro. 13. 19.

Q. *Are you then born a ſinner?*

A. I was conceived in ſinne, and
fPſ. 51. 5. (f) born in iniquity.

Q. *What is your birth-ſinne?*

A. ADAMS ſinne imputed to me,
gRom. 5. 12, 13, 14. (g) and a corrupt Nature dwelling
Eph. 4, 22. in me.

Q. *What is your corrupt Nature?*

Anſw. My corrupt nature is emp-
hRom. 7. 7. 18. ty of (*h*) Grace, bent unto ſinne, and
Gen. 6. 5. onely unto ſinne, and that continu-
ally.

Q. *What is ſinne?*

i1 Ioh. 3. 4 *Anſw.* Sinne is the (*i*) tranſgreſ-
ſion of the Law.

Qu. *How many commandements of the Law be there?*

Deut. 4. 13. *Anſw.* (*k*) Ten.

Q. *What is the firſt Commandement?*

lEx. 20. 3. *A.* Thou ſhalt have no other Gods
but (*l*) me?

Qu. *What is the meaning of this commandement?*

mMat. 4. 10. *A.* That we ſhould (*m*) worſhip
the onely true God, and no other be-
ſide him.

Q. *What is the* 2d. *Commandement?*

nExo. 20. 4, 5. *A.* Thou ſhalt not make to thy ſelf
any graven image, &c. Q. *What*

Qu. *Wat is the meaning of this Commandement?*

Anſ. That we ſhould worſhip the (*o*) true God with true worſhip: ſuch as God hath ordained, not ſuch as man hath invented.

o Ioh.4.24 De.12.32 Mat.15.9

Q. *What is the third commandement?*

A. Thou ſhalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, &c.

Qu. *What is here meant by the Name of God?*

A. God (*p*) himſelf and the good things of God, whereby he is known, as a man by his name; as his Attributes, worſhip, word, and works.

p Deut.28 58. Ex.33.19 with 34.6. 1 Kin 9.3. Pſa.138.2 Iob.1.21.

Qu. *What is it not to take his Name in vain?*

A. To make uſe of God, and the good things of God, to his glory, and our (*q*) good: not vainly, not unreverently, not unprofitably.

q 2 Kings 1.3. Lev.10.3. Iob.36.24 1 Cor. 10 31. Iob.5.27 Deut.8.16 Ier.2.30. Lev.26.2. Heb.4.2.

Qu. *What is the fourth Commandement?*

A. Remember that thou keep holy the (*r*) Sabbath day, &c.

r Exod.20 8,9,10.11

Q. *What is the meaning of this Commandement?*

A. That we ſhould reſt from labor-

s Isa. 58. 13. 14. Exo. 32. 6. and much more from play on (s) the Lords day, that we may draw nigh to God in holy duties.

Quest. *What is the fifth Commandement?*

t Exod 20 12. u Prov. 23 22. 2 King. 5. 13. and 2. 12. 1 Cor. 4. 15. 2 Chr 29. 18 1 Tim. 5. 1 1 Sa. 25. 8. Gen 4. 20 21. w Mal. 1. 6 Heb. 12. 9. Eph. 6. 1. 1 Tim. 5. 4.

Answ. Honour thy Father, and thy mother, (t) that thy dayes may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Quest. *Who are here meant by Father and mother?*

Answ. All our superiours, whether in (u) Family, School, Church, and Commonwealth.

Quest. *What is the honour due to them?*

Answ. Reverence, (w) obedience, and (when I am able) Recompence.

x Exo. 20. 13. y Math. 5. 22. 2 Cor. 7. 10. 1 Sam. 26 24. Mar. 3. 4.

Quest. *What is the sixth Commandement?*

Answ. Thou shalt do no (x) murther.

Qu. *What is the meaning of this Commandement?*

Answ. That we should not shorten the (y) life, or health of our selves or others, but preserve both.

Q. *What*

Quest. *What is the seventh Commandement?*

Answ. Thou shalt not commit (z) Adultery.

Quest. *What is the sinne here forbidden?*

Answ. To defile our selves or others (a) with unclean lusts.

Quest. *What is the duty here commanded?*

Answ. Chastity, to possesse (b) our vesels in holinesse and honour.

Quest. *What is the eight Commandement?*

Answ. Thou shalt not (c) steale.

Quest. *What is the stealth here forbidden?*

Answ. To take away (d) another mans goods, without his leave: or to spend our own without benefit to our selves or others.

Quest. *What is the duty here commanded?*

Answ. To get our goods (e) honestly, to keepe them safely, and to spend them thriftily.

Quest. *What is the ninth Commandement?*

z Exo. 20. 14.

a Gen. 38. 9. 10. Lev. 18. 24.

b Tit. 2. 5. 1 Pet. 3. 2. 1 Thes. 4. 4. 5.

c Exod. 20. 15.

d Luk. 19. 8. 1 The. 4. 6. Pro. 21. 20.

e Pro 13. 11. Joh. 6. 12. Luk. 19. 16. & 15. 13.

A. Thou

f Exo. 20 16. *A.* Thou (*f*) ſhalt not bear falſe witneſſe againſt thy Neighbour.

Queſt. *What is the ſinne here forbidden?*

g Ep. 4. 25 Ier. 9, 4, 5 Ioſh. 9. 22 Prov. 13. 7 *Anſw.* To (*g*) lye falſly, to think or ſpeak untruly of our ſelves, or others.

Queſt. *What is the duty here required?*

h Ep. 4. 25 Mat. 23. 23 *A.* Truth and faithfulneſſe.

Queſt. *What is the tenth Commandement?*

Ex. 20. 17 *A.* Thou ſhalt not covet, &c.

Q. What is the coveting here forbidden?

Ro. 7. 7 Heb. 13. 5 *Anſw.* Luſt after the things of other men: and want of contentment with our own.

Qu. *Whether have you kept all theſe Commandements?*

l Ro. 7. 14 and 3, 23. *Anſw.* No, I and all men are ſinners.

Qu. *What is the wayes of ſin?*

m Ro. 6. 23 and 2. 8, 9 *A.* Death and damnation.

Queſt. *How look you then to be ſaved?*

n Acts 4. 12 *Anſw.* Onely by Jeſus Chriſt.

Qu. *Who is Jeſus Chriſt?*

A. The

A. The eternall Son of God, who for our sakes (*o*) became man, that he might redeem and save us.

Qu. *How doth Christ redeem and save us?*

A. By his righteous life, and bitter death, and glorious resurrection, to life (*p*) again.

Qu. *How do we come to have part and fellowship with Christ, in his Death and Resurrection?*

A. By the power of his (*q*) Word and Spirit, which bring us to Christ, and keep us in him.

Qu. *What is his Word?*

A. The (*r*) Holy Scriptures of the Prophets and Apostles, The Old and New Testament, Law and Gospell.

Qu. *How doth the Ministery of the Law bring you towards Christ?*

A. By bringing me to know my sinne, and the wrath of God against me for it.

Qu. *What are you thereby the nearer to Christ?*

A. So I come to feel my cursed estate, and need of a Saviour.

o 1 Ioh. 5 20. Prov. 8. 23 24, 25. Iohn 1. 14 2 Cor. 8. 9 Lu. 1. 68, 69, and 2. 11.

p Gal. 4. 4, 5. Math. 20 28. Phi. 2. 7, 8 Rom. 4. 25

q Ioh. 17 20, 21. 2 Co. 5. 20 1 Co. 6. 17

r 2 Tim. 3 15, 16.

s Ro. 3. 20 Gal. 3. 10 24. Ro. 7. 9, 10

t Gal. 3. 10 24.

Q. *How*

Quest. *How doth the Ministery of the Gospell helpe you in this cursed Estate?*

u Luk. 3. 4, 5, 6.

Answ. By humbling me (*u*) yet more, and then raising me up out of this Estate.

Quest. *How doth the ministery of the Gospell humble you more?*

w 2 Tim. 1. 10. 1 Tim. 1. 15. Ioh. 16. 7. 9. & 6. 44. Lu. 19. 10.

Answ. By revealing the (*w*) grace of the Lord Jesus, in dying to save sinners: and yet convincing me of my sinne, in not believing on him, and of mine utter insufficiency, to come to him; And so I feele my selfe utterly lost.

Quest. *How then doth the Ministery of the Gospel raise you up out of this lost estate to come unto Christ?*

x Ioh. 12. 32. 2 Cor. 5. 19. 20. Can. 5. 10 to 16. with 6. 1. 2 Cor. 3. 18. Lu. 19. 10. Mat. 9. 13. Gal. 3. 5. Rom. 10. 17. with 1. 16.

Answ. By (*x*) teaching me the value and the vertue of the death of Christ, and the riches of his grace to lost sinners: By revealing the promise of grace to such, and by ministring the Spirit of grace, to apply Christ, and his promise of grace unto my selfe, and to keepe me in him.

Qu. *How doth the spirit of Christ apply*

ply Christ, and his promise of grace unto you, and keepe you in him.

Answ. By begetting in me (y) faith to receive him: Prayer to call upon him: Repentence to mourne after him: and new obedience to serve him.

Quest. *What is Faith?*

Answ. Faith is a grace of the (z) spirit; whereby I deny my selfe: and believe on Christ for righteousnesse and salvation.

Quest. *What is Prayer?*

Answ. It is a calling upon (a) God in the Name of Christ, by the helpe of the Holy Ghost, according to the will of God.

Quest. *What is Repentance?*

Answ. Repentance is a (b) grace of the spirit, whereby I loath my sinnes, and my selfe for them, and confesse them before the Lord, and mourne after Christ for the pardon of them, and for grace to serve him in newnesse of life.

Quest. *What is newnesse of life or new obedience?*

Answ. Newnesse of life is a (c) grace of the spirit, whereby I forsake my for-

(y) Rom. 10. 17. & 10. 14. Zach. 12. 10. Rom. 16. 25. 26. 2 Cor. 10. 4. 5. (z) Phil. 1. 29. 2 Cor. 4. 13. Phil. 3. 8. 9. (a) Mat. 6. 9. Ioh. 16. 23. Rom. 8. 26. 27. 1 Ioh. 5. 14. Acts. 5. 31. Zach. 12. 10. (b) Eze. 6. 9. Iob. 42. 6. 2 Sam. 24. 10. Levit. 26. 40. 4. Pro. 28. 13. Zach. 12. 10. (c) 1 Sam. 7. 3 Psal. 51. 1. 2 10.

c Rom. 7. 6. 1 Pet. 4. 2, 3, 4. Psal. 116. 9. & 119. 9. 105. 115. Psal. 16. 3.

former lusts, and vaine company, and walk before the Lord in the light of his word, and in the Communion of his Saints.

Qu. *What is the communion of Saints.*

d 1 Cor. 1. 2. Phil. 1. 5. Act. 2. 47. Rom. 9. 4.

A. It is (*d*) the fellowship of the Church in the blessings of the Covenant of grace, and the seales thereof.

Qu. *What is the Church?*

1 Cor. 12. 13.

A. It is a Congregation of (*e*) Saints

e Psal. 89. 5. & 50. 5. 16. Ezek. 20. 37. Act. 2. 42. 1 Cor. 14. 23. 26.

joyned together in the bond of the Covenant, to worship the Lord, and to edify one another, in all his Holy Ordinances.

Q. *What is the bond of the Covenant, in which the Church is joyned together?*

f 2 Cor. 8. 5. & 9. 13. Gen. 17. 7. g Iosh. 24. 15, 21, 24, 25. 2 Cor. 8. 5. Eph. 5. 28. Neh. 9. 38. with 10. 28. 29 to 34.

A. It is (*f*) the profession of that Covenant, which God hath made with his faithfull people, to be a God unto them and to their seede.

Qu. *What doth the Lord binde his people to in this Covenant?*

A. To (*g*) give up themselves and their seede first to the Lord to be his people, and then to the Elders and Brethren of the Church, to set forward the worship of God and their mutall edifycation.

Q. *How*

Q. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the Lord?*

A. By receiving through (*h*) faith, the Lord, & his Covenant, to themselves, and to their seed, And accordingly walking themselves, and trayning up their Children in the wayes of his Covenant.

Qu. *How do they give up themselves and their seed to the Elders and Brethren of the Church?*

A. By confession of (*i*) their sinnes and profession of their faith, and of their subjection to the Gospell of Christ. And so they and their seede are received into the fellowship of the Church, and the seales thereof.

Qu. *What are the seales of the Covenant now in the dayes of the Gospel?*

A. Baptisme (*k*) and the Lords Supper.

Qu. *What is done for you in Baptism?*

A. In baptisme, (*l*) the washing with water is a signe and seale of my washing with the blood and spirit of Christ, and thereby of my ingrafting into Christ: of the pardon and clensing of my sinnes: of my rising up out

h Ioh. 1. 12. Gen. 17. 9. 10. Isa. 56. 6. 7. Gen. 18. 19.

i Mat. 3. 6. Act 8. 37. 2 Cor. 9. 13. Act. 2. 38. 39.

l Rom. 4. 11. with Col. 2. 11. 12. 1 Cor. 11. 25.

l Heb 10. 22. & 12. 24. Ioh. 3. 5. Rom. 6. 2. 3. Act. 22. 16. Lu. 3. 3. 1 Pet. 3. 20. 21. 1 Cor. 15 29.

out of Affliction : and also of my resurrection from the dead at the last day.

Quest. *What is done for you in the Lords Supper?*

Answ. In the Lords Supper the receiving of the bread broken, and and the (*m*) wine powred out, is a signe and seal of my receiving the Communion of the body of Christ broken for me, and of his bloud shed for me: And thereby of my growth in Christ, of the pardon and healing of my sinnes: of the fellowship of his Spirit: of my strengthening and quickning in Grace: and of my sitting together with Christ on his throne of glory at the last judgement.

m 1 Cor. 10.16. Mat.26.26 28. 1 Cor.12, 13. Psl104.15 Ioh. 6.55.

n Lu.22. 27.29,30.

Quest. *What is the resurrection from the dead, which was sealed up to you in Baptisme?*

Ans. When (*n*) Christ shall come to his last judgement, all that are in the graves shall arise again, both the just and unjust.

o Ioh.5. 28,29. Act 24.15

Quest. *What is the last judgement, which is sealed up to you in the Lords Supper.*

A. At

A. At the last (*p*) day we shall all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, to give an accompt of our works, and to receive our reward according to them.

(*p*) 2 Cor. 5. 10. Mat. 12. 36 1 Cor. 4. 5 Ecc. 12. 14

Qu. *What is the reward that shall then be given?*

Ans. The (*q*) righteous shall go into life eternall, and the wicked shall be cast into everlasting fire with the Devill and his angels.

(*q*) Mat. 25. 34. Mat. 25. 46.

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